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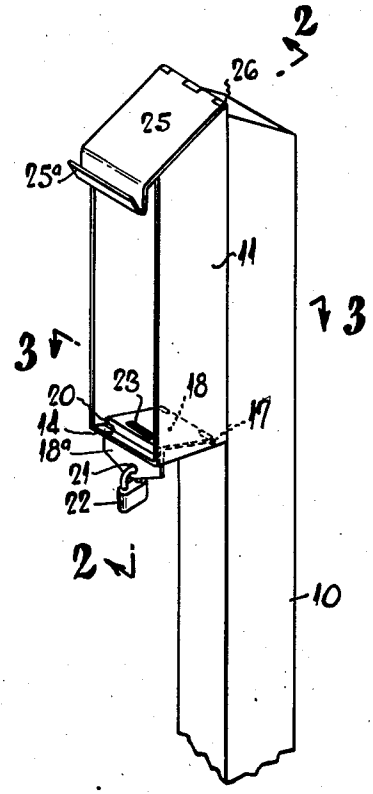


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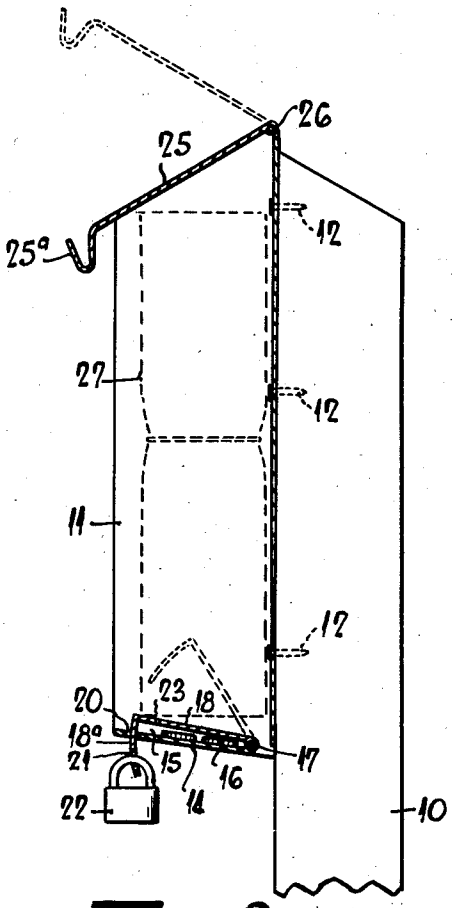


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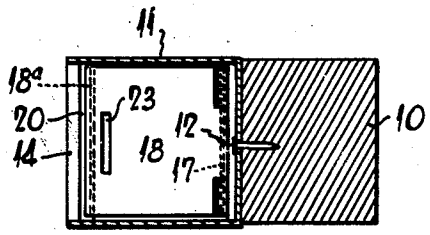


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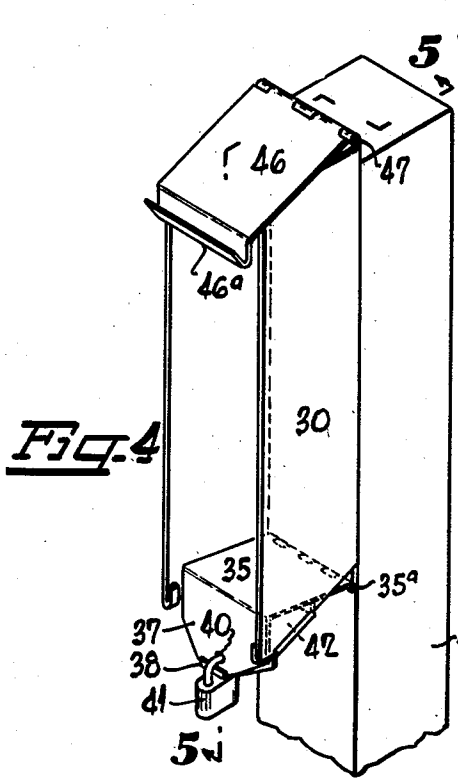


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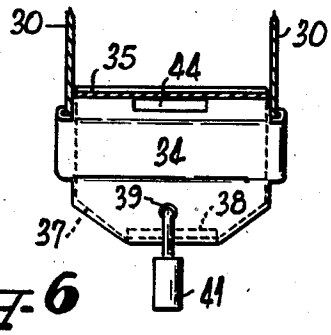


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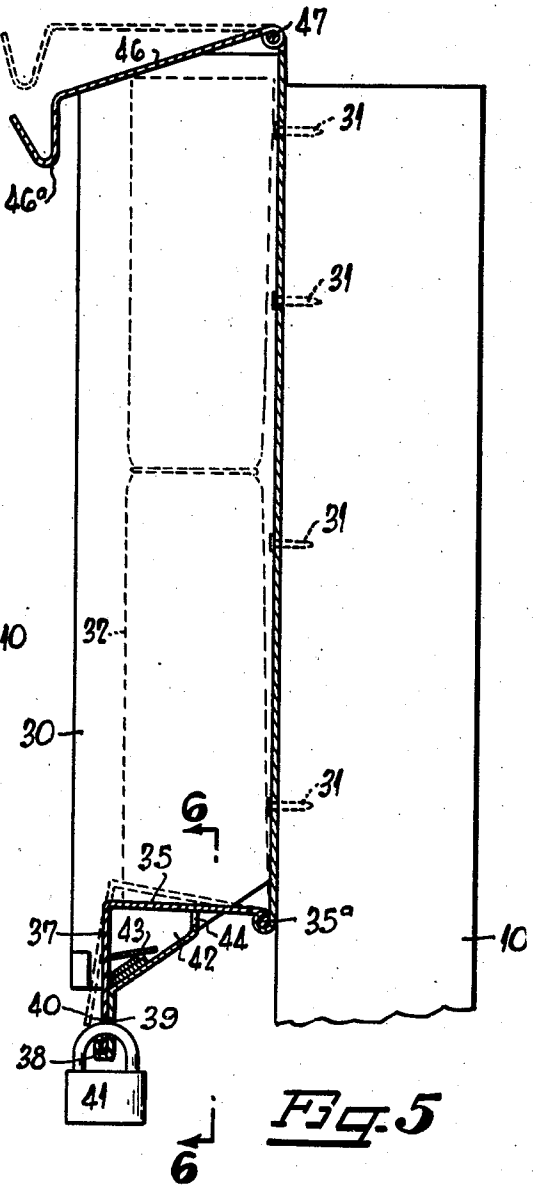


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This invention relates to receptacles and more especially to a combination newspaper and coin box.

Many daily newspapers have established routes allotted to carriers who regularly deliver the papers to their patrons. Often times these routes extend to rural sections where it is necessary to locate a box for the paper some distance from the patron's residence. At regular intervals, it is necessary that the subscription price of the paper be collected; therefore, the carrier must depart from the route and go to the residence to contact the subscriber. If the subscriber is away, repeated trips are necessary.

Many newspapers have established routes in rural communities whereby the paper is sent by mail during the week and delivered by carrier on Sunday, as the government does not provide rural mail delivery on Sundays. This carrier's duty is to deliver and collect for weekly subscriptions on Sunday, making it necessary to contact each subscriber when collecting. This system takes up a lot of unnecessary time going into houses and collecting, or completely missing collection if patron is away from home. It also prevents the carrier starting early enough to give early service as subscribers are not out of bed on the first part of the route, and this delay makes it impossible for carrier to cover last part of the route until late in the day.

It is an object of this invention to provide a combination of a box for receiving the paper and a locked compartment for receiving coins so that it will not be necessary for the carrier to personally contact the patron to collect the subscription price. The invention comprises a coin compartment having a pivoted cover, which cover, in turn, serves as a bottom for a second compartment thereabove, in which a newspaper is adapted to be placed. Another pivoted lid is provided over the second compartment, and when a newspaper is placed in the second compartment, it is held in position between the two lids.

Some of the objects of the invention having been stated, other objects will appear as the description proceeds, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometric view of one form of my improved combination newspaper and coin receptacle;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 2—2 in Figure 1, showing certain parts in dotted line position;

Figure 3 is a sectional plan view taken along the line 3—3 in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is an isometric view showing a slightly modified form of the invention;

Figure 5 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 5—5 in Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a sectional detail view taken along the line 6—6 in Figure 5.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 denotes a suitable post or other support to which is secured a U-shaped elongated member 11 by any suitable means such as nails or screws 12. The U-shaped member is adapted to be normally positioned with the open elongated side vertically disposed. An inclined plate member 14 is disposed across the bottom end of member 11, which plate also serves as a bottom for a coin receptacle 15 in which coins 16 are adapted to be placed. Pivoted immediately above the bottom plate 14 as at 17 is an L-shaped plate member 18, said L-shaped plate member serving as a cover for the coin receptacle 15. The upper surface of plate member 18 is inclined upwardly from pivot 17 toward the open side of the trough.

The down-turned leg 18*a* of the L-shaped member 18 is adapted to penetrate a suitable slot 20 in the bottom portion 14, and the lower end of leg 18*a* has a hole 21 therein for accommodating a suitable lock 22, which lock prevents leg 18*a* from being entirely removed from slot 20. Plate member 18 has a suitable slot 23 therein through which the coins 16 are adapted to be inserted and allowed to fall into receptacle 15 therebelow.

The upper portion of the trough member 11 has a downwardly inclined cover 25 pivoted thereto as at 26, the free end of member 25 having a downturned lip 25*a* integral therewith which serves to prevent the upper end of an article, such as a paper 27 from falling out of the open side of trough member 11 after it has been inserted. Not only does the downwardly inclined plate member 25 and the lip portion 25*a* serve to hold the paper in the trough member, but also the upwardly inclined bottom plate 18 cooperates with these members to prevent the lower portion of article 27 from escaping.

Figures 4, 5 and 6 show a slightly modified form of the invention in which a U-shaped trough member 30 is secured to support 10 by any suitable means such as nails or screws 31. The trough member 30 is an elongated structure having one side thereof open and vertically disposed so that a newspaper 32 or other article, may be inserted and allowed to rest on its end.

The bottom portion of trough **30** has a plate member **34** disposed thereacross, which bottom member is inclined downwardly and toward the open side of the trough. Pivoted to the back wall of the trough **30** and disposed above the bottom plate member **34** is an L-shaped plate member **35**, said plate member **35** being pivoted as at **35***a*. This plate member has a downwardly extending lip portion **37**, the lower end of which is adapted to fit in an upturned hook portion **38** on the lower end of bottom plate **34**. Suitable holes **39** and **40** are provided in members **34** and **37**, respectively, for the accommodation of a suitable lock **41** when it is desired to lock the coin box in closed position and to hold the lower end of portion **37** within the hook portion **38**.

The coin box is formed by the members **34**, **35**, **37** and the sidewalls of trough member **30**, and is designated by reference character **42**. In order to provide passageway whereby coins **43** may be inserted in the coin box, a suitable slot **44** is provided in the upper edge of plate **34**.

Means for holding the paper in the box are provided in the form of a suitable lid **46** is pivoted as at **47** to the upper portion of the trough, said lid being inclined downwardly from pivot point **47** and toward the open side. The free end of the downwardly inclined plate member **46** has integral therewith a downwardly extending lip **46***a* which serves as an additional means for holding the upper portion of the paper **32** or other articles within the trough.

It will be noted that in the respective forms of the invention, the pivoted plate members **25** and **46** may be moved to dotted line positions when inserting or removing the paper within the trough. Also the coin receptacle covers **18** and **35** are permitted to be moved upwardly to the dotted line positions when the coin compartments are unlocked to remove the coins therefrom. In the first form of the invention, it is necessary to rotate the cover **18** much farther about its axis of rotation than in the latter form illustrated in Figures 4 to 6 inclusive, to be able to remove the coins from the receptacle. In this latter form it is only necessary to remove the lock and to rotate the member **35** a very slight amount, at which time the coins will slide out of the receptacle **42**, since the bottom portion therein inclines downwardly and abuts the lower free end of member **37**.

The purpose of forming a hook shaped portion **38** is to prevent unauthorized persons from separating the lower portions of members **37** and **34** sufficiently to provide a crack between which the coins may fall.

It is therefore seen that I have provided a simple and economical combination newspaper and coin receptacle which has means for accommodating the paper and also has means for receiving coins as a payment of the subscription price. Such a device eliminates the necessity of the carrier departing from his regular route for collection purposes since the subscriber, who usually knows the price of his subscription, can deposit the same for the carrier who will remove it when delivering the paper.

In the drawings and specification, there has been set forth a preferred embodiment of the invention, and although specific terms are employed, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention being set forth in the following claims.

I claim:

1. A combination newspaper and coin receptacle, comprising a trough adapted to have its bottom secured to a vertically disposed support thereby providing an open side, an inclined plate having a coin slot therein and being disposed across the lower end of said trough to serve as a bottom for a coin compartment, and a second plate pivoted at one end in the bottom of the trough and above said inclined plate, said second plate serving as a cover for the coin compartment and as a bottom for a paper compartment thereabove, the free end of said second plate being adapted when closed to engage the lower inclined surface of said first plate to prevent escape of coins from the coin compartment, whereby the coins will fall by gravity from the coin compartment when the free end of said second pivoted plate is raised.

2. A combination newspaper and coin receptacle comprising a trough adapted to be positioned vertically, thereby providing an open side, an inclined plate disposed across the bottom of said trough to serve as a bottom for a coin compartment, a second plate pivoted at one end in the bottom of the trough and above said inclined plate forming a coin compartment between the two plates, said second plate serving as a cover for the coin compartment and as a bottom for a paper compartment thereabove, the free end of said second plate being adapted, when closed, to engage the inclined surface of said first plate, one of said plates having a coin slot therein.

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